

(e) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursuant to this section are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 13. 6-MONTH EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN SALES.

Notwithstanding section 101(7)(D) of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996, the Secretary of the Treasury may, at any time before January 1, 1999, make bulk sales at a reasonable discount to the Jackie Robinson Foundation of not less than 20 percent of any denomination of proof and uncirculated coins minted under section 101(7) of such Act which remained unissued as of July 1, 1998, except that the total number of coins of any such denomination which were issued under such section or this section may not exceed the amount of such denomination of coins which were authorized to be minted and issued under section 101(7)(A) of such Act.

On motion of Mr. CASTLE, said Senate amendment was agreed to with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate—

(1) insert after the enacting clause, the following new heading (and redesignate sections 1 through 10 as sections 101 through 110, respectively):

“TITLE I—LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION BICENTENNIAL COIN”; and

(2) add at the end the following new title:

TITLE II—LEIF ERICSSON MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Leif Ericsson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act”.

SEC. 202. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—In conjunction with the simultaneous mining and issuance of commemorative coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericsson, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins, which shall—

- (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
- (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
- (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this title shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this title shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 203. SOURCES OF BULLION.

The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins under this title from any available source, including stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

SEC. 204. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this title shall be emblematic of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericsson.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this title there shall be—

- (A) a designation of the value of the coin;
- (B) an inscription of the year “2000”; and
- (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this title shall be—

- (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation with the Leifur Eiriksson Foundation and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

(2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 205. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this title shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted under this title.

(c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this title beginning January 1, 2000.

(d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No coins may be minted under this title after December 31, 2000.

SEC. 206. SURCHARGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under this title shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this title shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Leifur Eiriksson Foundation for the purpose of funding student exchanges between students of the United States and students of Iceland.

(c) AUDITS.—The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation shall be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

SEC. 207. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of this title.

(b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Subsection (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a contract under the authority of this Act from complying with any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendment was agreed to with an amendment was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment to the Senate amendment.

¶115.34 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 20, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

¶115.35 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. BEREUTER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶115.36 GREAT LAKES WATER DIVERSION OR SALE

On motion of Mr. GILMAN, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Inter-

national Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following resolution (H. Res. 566):

Whereas the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin are precious public natural resources, shared and held in trust by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian Provinces;

Whereas the Great Lakes need to be carefully managed and protected in order to meet current and future water needs within the Great Lakes Basin and the Canadian Provinces;

Whereas any new diversions of Great Lakes waters for use outside of the Great Lakes Basin will have significant adverse effects on the environment, economy, and welfare of the Great Lakes region;

Whereas the Province of Ontario, Canada, has authorized an Ontario company to divert water from the Great Lakes for sale to Asia;

Whereas 4 of the Great Lakes contain international waters, and are defined as “boundary waters” in the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between the United States and Canada, and therefore any new diversion of Great Lakes water would affect the relations between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada;

Whereas as trustees of the Great Lakes Basin’s natural resources, the Great Lakes States and Provinces have a shared duty to protect, conserve, and manage the renewable but finite waters of the Great Lakes Basin for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of all their citizens, and future generations; and

Whereas the most effective means of protecting, conserving, and managing the water resources of the Great Lakes is through the joint pursuit of unified and cooperative principles, policies, and programs mutually agreed upon, enacted, and adhered to by each and every Great Lakes State and Province: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Senate should act to prevent the sale or diversion of Great Lakes water to foreign countries, businesses, corporations, and individuals until procedures are established to guarantee that any such sale or diversion is fully negotiated and approved by representatives of the United States Government and the Government of Canada, in consultation with any Great Lakes State or Province that could be impacted by such a sale or diversion.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶115.37 SEEDS OF HOPE FOR AFRICA

On motion of Mr. GILMAN, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 4283) to support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes; together with the following amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker’s table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Africa: Seeds of Hope Act of 1998”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings and declaration of policy.

TITLE I—ASSISTANCE FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Sec. 101. Africa Food Security Initiative.